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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Examiner's communication mailed July 16, 2003, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute in this application the following species:

The composition having (1) a growth factor which is keratinocyte growth factor ("KGF") and (2) an enzyme which is plasminogen.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 13, 14, 15, 17, 23, 24, and 25 are readable upon this species. Claims 26–77 have been cancelled pending the filing of a divisional application.

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